

## Executive Summary Report

Appraisal Date 1/1/07 - 2007 Assessment Year

**Quadrant Name:** South-End Commercial Area  
Previous Physical Inspection: 5/2006

Sales – Improved Analysis Summary:

Number of Sales: 484

Range of Sales Dates: 1/2004 – 12/31/06 (All sales occurring within this range were considered).

	<b><i>Avg. Improved Value</i></b>	<b><i>Mean Ratio</i></b>	<b><i>COV</i></b>
<b>2006 Value</b>	1,715,900	86.6%	18.30%
<b>2007 Value</b>	1,921,100	96.9%	12.73%
<b>Change</b>	205,200	10.30%	-5.57%
<b>% Change</b>	11.96%	11.89%	-30.44%

\*COV is a measure of uniformity, the lower the number the better the uniformity. The negative figure of -30.44% actually represents an improvement.

Sales used in Analysis: All sales verified as good were included in the analysis.

Total Population – Parcel Summary Data:

Number of Parcels in the Population: 5,433 improved parcels (not including specialty parcels).

<b>Population</b>	<b><i>Land</i></b>	<b><i>Imps</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
<b>2006 Value</b>	5,446,130,807	6,497,757,263	11,943,888,070
<b>2007 Value</b>	5,780,351,280	7,262,694,297	13,041,472,077
<b>Change</b>	334,220,473	764,937,034	1,097,584,007
<b>% Change</b>	6.14%	11.77%	9.19%

### Conclusion and Recommendation:

Since the values recommended in this report improve uniformity, assessment level and equity, we recommend posting them for the 2007 Assessment Roll.

## **Analysis Process**

### ***Areas South Commercial Quadrant and Responsible Appraisers***

The following Appraisers did the valuation for this quadrant.

- Vivian Williams, Appraiser I: (Area 50)
- Bob Rosenberger, Appraiser II (Area 55)
- Russ Butler, Appraiser I (Area 60)
- Raphael Roberge, Appraiser I. (Area 65)
- Marie Ramirez, Appraiser II: (Area 70)

### ***Highest and Best Use Analysis***

**As if vacant:** Market analyses of the area, together with current zoning and current and anticipated use patterns, indicate the highest and best use of the land.

**As if improved:** Based on neighborhood trends, both demographic and current development patterns, the existing buildings represent the highest and best use of most sites. The existing use will continue until land value, in its highest and best use, exceeds the sum of value of the entire property in its existing use and the cost to remove the improvements. We find that the current improvements do add value to the property, in most cases, and therefore are the highest and best use of the property as improved. In those properties where the property is not at its highest and best use a token value of \$1,000.00 is assigned to the improvements.

### ***Special Assumptions, Departures and Limiting Conditions***

The sales comparison, cost, and income approaches were considered for this mass appraisal valuation.

The following Departmental guidelines were considered and adhered to:

- Sales from 1/1/04 to 12/31/2006 (at minimum) were considered in all analyses.
- No market trends (market condition adjustments, time adjustments) were applied to sales prices. Models were developed without market trends. The utilization of at least two years of market information without time adjustments averaged any net changes over that time period.
- This report intends to meet the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Standard 6.
- While sales activity over several years has been analyzed, primary consideration was given to current economic conditions including vacancy and lease rates. In some areas, this may have an impact on sales price to assessed value relationships including coefficients of variation and ratios. In all cases, properties were valued uniformly with similar properties.

## ***Identification of the Area***

**Name or Designation: South King County**

### **Boundaries:**

The northern boundary is somewhat irregular but runs approximately along SW 116<sup>th</sup> in Burien and SE. 136<sup>th</sup> Street in Renton. It includes all the properties from that boundary to the south county line. The east west boundaries are Puget Sound on the west and the county line on the east.

### **Maps:**

A general map of the area is included in this report. More detailed Assessor's maps are located on the 7th floor of the King County Administration Building.

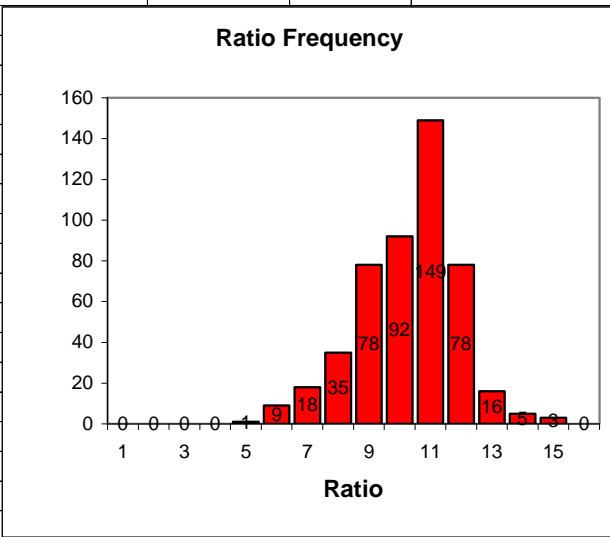
## ***Preliminary Ratio Analysis***

A Preliminary Ratio Study was done in May 2007. The Present Improvement ratio on the next page shows a non-normal distribution of the assessed values to current sales. This indicates the need for revaluation as the COD and COV is excessive while the weighted mean is below IAAO standards.

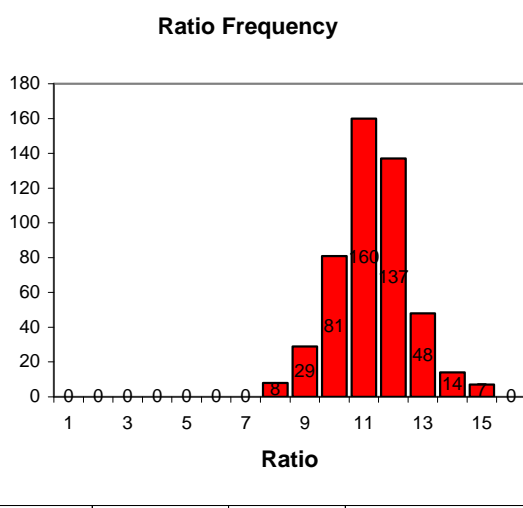
The study included sales of improved parcels and showed a COV of 18.30%.

An additional Ratio Study was completed just prior to the application of the 2007 recommended values. This study benchmarks the current assessment level using 2006 posted values. The study was also repeated after application of the 2007 recommended values. The results are included in the validation section of this report, showing an improvement in the COV from 18.30% to 12.73%.

**2006 Assessment Year  
Areas 50, 55, 60, 65 & 70**

Quadrant/Crew:	Lien Date:	Date:	Sales Dates:
South Crew	1/1/2006	5/24/2007	1/1/04 - 12/31/06
Area	Appr ID:	Prop Type:	Trend used?: Y / N
South King County	KWAL	Improvement	N
SAMPLE STATISTICS			
Sample size (n)	484		
Mean Assessed Value	1,715,900		
Mean Sales Price	1,981,600		
Standard Deviation AV	2,782,579		
Standard Deviation SP	3,144,684		
ASSESSMENT LEVEL			
Arithmetic mean ratio	0.882	<div>These figures reflect Improved parcels' Assessment ratios before the completion of the 2007 roll.</div>	
Median Ratio	0.910		
Weighted Mean Ratio	0.866		
UNIFORMITY			
Lowest ratio	0.3774		
Highest ratio:	1.3960		
Coefficient of Dispersion	14.12%		
Standard Deviation	0.1614		
Coefficient of Variation	18.30%		
Price-related Differential	1.02		
RELIABILITY			
95% Confidence: Median		<div>These figures reflect Improved parcels' Assessment ratios before the completion of the 2007 roll.</div>	
Lower limit	0.886		
Upper limit	0.930		
95% Confidence: Mean			
Lower limit	0.842	<div>These figures reflect Improved parcels' Assessment ratios before the completion of the 2007 roll.</div>	
Upper limit	0.905		
SAMPLE SIZE EVALUATION			
N (population size)	5433		
B (acceptable error - in decimal)	0.05		
S (estimated from this sample)	0.1614		
Recommended minimum:	41		
Actual sample size:	484		
Conclusion:	OK		
NORMALITY			
Binomial Test			
# ratios below mean:	212		
# ratios above mean:	272		
z:	2.68181818		
Conclusion:	Non-normal		
*i.e., no evidence of non-normality			

**2007 Assessment Year**  
**Areas 50, 55, 60, 65 & 70**

Quadrant/Crew:	Lien Date:	Date:	Sales Dates:		
South Crew	1/1/2007	5/24/2007	1/1/04 - 12/31/06		
Area	Appr ID:	Prop Type:	Trend used?: Y / N		
South King County	KWAL	Improvement	N		
SAMPLE STATISTICS					
Sample size (n)	484	<div>Ratio Frequency</div> 			
Mean Assessed Value	1,921,100				
Mean Sales Price	1,981,600				
Standard Deviation AV	3,107,815				
Standard Deviation SP	3,144,684				
ASSESSMENT LEVEL					
Arithmetic mean ratio	0.978	These figures reflect the recommended 2007 assessed values compared to the market.			
Median Ratio	0.982				
Weighted Mean Ratio	0.969				
UNIFORMITY					
Lowest ratio	0.6075				
Highest ratio:	1.3600				
Coefficient of Dispersion	9.80%				
Standard Deviation	0.1245				
Coefficient of Variation	12.73%				
Price-related Differential	1.01				
RELIABILITY					
95% Confidence: Median					
Lower limit	0.971				
Upper limit	0.994				
95% Confidence: Mean					
Lower limit	0.972				
Upper limit	1.016				
SAMPLE SIZE EVALUATION					
N (population size)	5433				
B (acceptable error - in decimal)	0.05				
S (estimated from this sample)	0.1245				
Recommended minimum:	25				
Actual sample size:	484				
Conclusion:	OK				
NORMALITY					
Binomial Test					
# ratios below mean:	235				
# ratios above mean:	249				
z:	0.590909091				
Conclusion:	Normal*				
*i.e., no evidence of non-normality					

## USPAP Compliance

### **Client and Intended Use of the Appraisal:**

*This mass appraisal report is intended for use only by the King County Assessor and other agencies or departments administering or confirming ad valorem property taxes. Use of this report by others is not intended by the appraiser. The use of this appraisal, analyses and conclusions is limited to the administration of ad valorem property taxes in accordance with Washington State law. As such it is written in concise form to minimize paperwork. The assessor intends that this report conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) requirements for a mass appraisal report as stated in USPAP SR 6-8. To fully understand this report the reader may need to refer to the Assessor's Property Record Files, Assessors Real Property Data Base, separate studies, Assessor's Procedures, Assessor's field maps, Revalue Plan and the statutes.*

*The purpose of this report is to explain and document the methods, data and analysis used in the revaluation of King County. King County is on a six year physical inspection cycle with annual statistical updates. The revaluation plan is approved by Washington State Department of Revenue. The revaluation plan is subject to their periodic review.*

### **Definition and date of value estimate:**

#### **Market Value**

*The basis of all assessments is the true and fair value of property. True and fair value means market value (Spokane etc. R. Company v. Spokane County, 75 Wash. 72 (1913); Mason County Overtaxed, Inc. v. Mason County, 62 Wn. 2d (1963); AGO 57-58, No. 2, 1/8/57; AGO 65-66, No. 65, 12/31/65) . . . or amount of money a buyer willing but not obligated to buy would pay for it to a seller willing but not obligated to sell. In arriving at a determination of such value, the assessing officer can consider only those factors which can within reason be said to affect the price in negotiations between a willing purchaser and a willing seller, and he must consider all of such factors. (AGO 65,66, No. 65, 12/31/65)*

#### **Highest and Best Use**

WAC 458-07-030 (3) REAL PROPERTY VALUATION—HIGHEST AND BEST USE.

**True and fair value -- Highest and best use.** *Unless specifically provided otherwise by statute, all property shall be valued on the basis of its highest and best use for assessment purposes. Highest and best use is the most profitable, likely use to which a property can be put. It is the use which will yield the highest return on the owner's investment. Any reasonable use to which the property may be put may be taken into consideration and if it is peculiarly adapted to some particular use, that fact may be taken into consideration. Uses that are within the realm of possibility, but not reasonably probable of occurrence, shall not be considered in valuing property at its highest and best use.*

*If a property is particularly adapted to some particular use this fact may be taken into consideration in estimating the highest and best use. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922)) The present use of the property may constitute its highest and best use. The appraiser shall, however, consider the uses to which similar property similarly located is being put. (Finch v. Grays Harbor County, 121 Wash. 486 (1922)) The fact that the owner of the*

*property chooses to use it for less productive purposes than similar land is being used shall be ignored in the highest and best use estimate. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922))*

*Where land has been classified or zoned as to its use, the county assessor may consider this fact, but he shall not be bound to such zoning in exercising his judgment as to the highest and best use of the property. (AGO 63-64, No. 107, 6/6/64)*

*'Highest and best use' is defined in The Appraisal of Real Estate, twelfth edition, page 305, as follows:*

*"The reasonably probable and legal use of vacant land or an improved property that is physically possible, appropriately supported, and financially feasible and that results in the highest value."*

### **Date of Value Estimate**

*All property now existing, or that is hereafter created or brought into this state, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for state, county, and other taxing district purposes, upon equalized valuations thereof, fixed with reference thereto on the first day of January at twelve o'clock meridian in each year, excepting such as is exempted from taxation by law. [1961 c 15 §84.36.005]*

*The county assessor is authorized to place any property that is increased in value due to construction or alteration for which a building permit was issued, or should have been issued, under chapter 19.27, 19.27A, or 19.28 RCW or other laws providing for building permits on the assessment rolls for the purposes of tax levy up to August 31st of each year. The assessed valuation of the property shall be considered as of July 31st of that year. [1989 c 246 § 4]*

*Reference should be made to the property card or computer file as to when each property was valued. Sales consummating before and after the appraisal date may be used and are analyzed as to their indication of value at the date a valuation. If market conditions have changed then the appraisal will state a logical cutoff date after which no market date is used as an indicator of value.*

### **Property rights appraised:**

#### **Fee Simple**

*The definition of fee simple estate as taken from The Third Edition of The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal, published by the Appraisal Institute. "Absolute ownership unencumbered by any other interest or estate, subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power, and escheat."*

### **Assumptions and Limiting Conditions:**

- 1. No opinion as to title is rendered. Data on ownership and legal description were obtained from public records. Title is assumed to be marketable and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, easements and restrictions unless shown on maps or property*

2. *No engineering survey has been made by the appraiser. Except as specifically stated, data relative to size and area were taken from sources considered reliable, and no encroachment of real property improvements is assumed to exist.*
3. *No responsibility for hidden defects or conformity to specific governmental requirements, such as fire, building and safety, earthquake, or occupancy codes, can be assumed without provision of specific professional or governmental inspections.*
4. *Rental areas herein discussed have been calculated in accord with generally accepted industry standards.*
5. *The projections included in this report are utilized to assist in the valuation process and are based on current market conditions and anticipated short term supply demand factors. Therefore, the projections are subject to changes in future conditions that cannot be accurately predicted by the appraiser and could affect the future income or value projections.*
6. *The property is assumed uncontaminated unless the owner comes forward to the Assessor and provides other information.*
7. *The appraiser is not qualified to detect the existence of potentially hazardous material which may or may not be present on or near the property. The existence of such substances may have an effect on the value of the property. No consideration has been given in this analysis to any potential diminution in value should such hazardous materials be found (unless specifically noted). We urge the taxpayer to retain an expert in the field and submit data affecting value to the assessor.*
8. *No opinion is intended to be expressed for legal matters or that would require specialized investigation or knowledge beyond that ordinarily employed by real estate appraisers for ad valorem tax purposes, although such matters may be discussed in the report.*
9. *Maps, plats and exhibits included herein are for illustration only, as an aid in visualizing matters discussed within the report. They should not be considered as surveys or relied upon for any other purpose.*
10. *The appraisal is the valuation of the fee simple interest. Unless shown on the Assessor's parcel maps, or otherwise in the Assessor's database, easements adversely affecting property value were not considered.*
11. *An attempt to segregate personal property from the real estate in this appraisal has been made.*
12. *Items which are considered "typical finish" and generally included in a real property transfer, but are legally considered leasehold improvements, are included in the valuation unless otherwise noted.*
13. *The movable equipment and/or fixtures have not been appraised as part of the real estate. The identifiable permanently fixed equipment has been appraised in accordance with RCW 84.04.090 and WAC 458-12-010.*
14. *I have considered the effect of value of those anticipated public and private improvements of which I have common knowledge. I can make no special effort to contact the various jurisdictions to determine the extent of their public improvements.*
15. *Exterior inspections were made of all properties in the physical inspection areas (outlined in the body of the report) however; due to lack of access and time few received interior inspections.*



**Scope Of Work Performed:**

*Research and analyses performed are identified in the body of the revaluation report. The assessor has no access to title reports and other documents. Because of legal limitations we did not research such items as easements, restrictions, encumbrances, leases, reservations, covenants, contracts, declarations and special assessments. Disclosure of interior home features and, actual income and expenses by property owners is not a requirement of the law therefore attempts to obtain and analyze this information are not always successful. The mass appraisal performed must be completed in the time limits indicated in the Revaluation Plan and as budgeted. The scope of work performed and disclosure of research and analyses not performed are identified throughout the body of the report.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

*I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:*

- *The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct*
- *The report analyses, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions and are my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.*
- *I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal interest with respect to the parties involved.*
- *I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved.*
- *My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.*
- *My compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.*
- *My analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.*
- *The area(s) physically inspected for purposes of this revaluation are outlined in the body of this report.*
- *The individuals listed below were part of the “appraisal team” and provided significant real property appraisal assistance to the person signing this certification.*

Vivian Williams, Bob Rosenberger, Russ Butler, Raphael Roberge, Marie Ramirez

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Kent Walter  
Senior Appraiser

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2007  
TO: Commercial Appraisers  
FROM: Scott Noble, Assessor  
SUBJECT: 2007 Revaluation for 2008 Tax Roll



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The King County Assessor, as elected representative of the people of King County, is your client for the mass appraisal and report. The King County Department of Assessments subscribes to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice 2006. You will perform your appraisals and complete your mass appraisal reports in compliance with Standard 6 of USPAP 2006. The following are your appraisal instructions and conditions:

1. You are to timely appraise the area or properties assigned to you by the revalue plan. The Scope of Work may be modified as necessary including special limiting conditions to complete the Revalue Plan.
2. You are to use all appropriate mass appraisal techniques as stated in USPAP, Washington State Law; Washington State Administrative Code, IAAO texts or classes.
3. The standard for validation models is the standard as delineated by IAAO in their Standard on Ratio Studies (approved 1999); and
4. Any and all other standards as published by the IAAO.
5. Appraise land as if vacant and available for development to its highest and best use. The improvements are to be valued at their contribution to the total.
6. You must complete the revalue in compliance with all Washington and King County laws, codes and with due consideration of Department of Revenue guidelines. The Jurisdictional Exception is to be invoked in case USPAP does not agree with these public policies.

7. Physical inspections should be completed per the revaluation plan and statistical updates completed on the remainder of the properties as appropriate.
8. You must complete a written mass appraisal report for each area and a statistical update report in compliance with USPAP Standard 6.
9. All sales of land and improved properties should be validated as correct and verified with participants as necessary.
10. You must use at least three years of sales. No adjustments to sales prices shall be made to avoid any possibility of speculative market conditions skewing the basis for taxation.
11. Continue to review dollar per square foot as a check and balance to assessment value.
12. The intended use of the appraisal and report is the administration of ad valorem property taxation.
13. The intended users include the Assessor, Board of Equalization, Board of Tax Appeals, King County Prosecutor and Department of Revenue.

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